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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
MASAO TASAKA, ET AL. :
SERIAL NO: 10/718,513 :
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FOR: A PROTEIN THAT HAS A :
FUNCTION OF MAINTAINING A :
MUTATION WHEREBY LATERAL ROOT :
FORMATION IS BLOCKED AND A :
GENE ENCODING THE PROTEIN

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
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SIR:

In response to the Office Communication mailed April 16, 2004, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 3 of this paper.